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SOUTHERNERS IN WASHINGTON PLAN FOR 1911 CROP.

Efforts Looking to Keeping the Price From Falling too Low on Southern Staple.

Washington, Aug. 23.—What was referred to generally as threatening the cotton market was thoroughly discussed to-day at a meeting of senators and representatives, including Representatives John H. Small, of North Carolina; Oscar Underwood, of Holm, of Alabama, and Senators Williams, of Mississippi, and Owen, of Oklahoma.

"Hold cotton for 13 cents," is the advice the committee will give the farmers of the south in a letter which will be sent to every cotton grower in the southern states.

In an interview for the Daily News Representative Small said: "The meeting was one of the most important ever held in the interest of the cotton growers. The agriculture department's cotton report issued a short while ago indicates that a crop of 15,000,000 bales will be produced this year. The world can only use about 13,000,000 bales of American cotton, and if the report of the department is taken seriously it will result in the price of cotton being forced down to about nine cents a pound. Reports from the different states indicate that the total crop will not be more than 13,000,000 bales, so our idea is to get every man who has got cotton to sell to refuse to sell for less than 13 cents a pound, and to withhold at least 20 per cent of this year's crop."

"We are making arrangements with the banks throughout the country to lend the farmer from \$25 to \$30 on each bale of cotton which he refuses to sell, and at a rate not to exceed 6 per cent per annum. There may be some banks in isolated parts of the country who are not able to make this loan and we have arranged to take care of them."

"The New York cotton exchange is using the government's cotton report to depress the price of the cotton and unless the farmers refuse to sell at less than 13 cents the price of this year's crop will drop below 9 cents a pound."

Letters have already been sent to all of the farmers' state unions with a request that the county and district unions be advised of the action of the committee.—P. R. Anderson, in Greensboro News.

FINE MEETING AT CLAYTON.

Rev. Charles E. Maddy Aided Pastor Hamby in a Resultful Meeting at Baptist Church.

A very successful protracted meeting closed at Clayton Baptist church last week, after holding for about fifteen days. The pastor of the church, Rev. A. C. Hamby, was aided by Rev. Charles E. Maddy, of Statesville, who did the preaching. Mr. Maddy is one of the leading young Baptist preachers in the State. At the services at Clayton he preached the plain gospel in such terms that the people could understand and heed. As a result a great many backsliders were reclaimed, many made professions and thirty-three were baptized into the fellowship of the church. Others were restored.

FARMER DIES FROM POISON.

J. D. Byrd After Being Crazed By Mean Liquor Drinks Carbolic Acid and Succumbs.

Benson, Aug. 19.—John D. Byrd, a farmer living two miles south of here, drank carbolic acid tonight as the result of an overcharge of blind tiger liquor and died a few minutes later. Byrd, who is married, and has several children, came here this afternoon, tanked up on booze and started for home.

On the way he stopped at the home of Preston Norris and asked for the acid, which he had left there, saying he wanted it for sores on the children's hands. After reaching home he drank the acid, called his wife, told her what he had done and asked for a physician to be called, but is reported to have died before he arrived. Byrd was about thirty years old and drank occasionally.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Russia has awarded contracts for two battleships to be added to the Black Sea fleet.

Theodore Ridge fell 100 feet in an aeroplane at Aldershot, England, Friday and was killed.

The Prussian Government has reduced the railway freight rates on feed for livestock one-half owing to the drought.

Over fifty persons were injured when a Big Four fast passenger train jumped the track near Columbus, O., Friday night.

The veto bill, limiting the powers of the House of Lords, became a law Friday, the King's assent having been given.

Oscar A. Brindley broke the world's record for altitude with an aeroplane at Chicago last Friday by ascending 11,726 feet.

There were 215 business failures in the United States during the week ended August 17 as compared with 208 the previous week.

Four men were killed and four were fatally injured in an explosion in the Illinois Steel Company's plant at Joliet, Ill., last week.

A factory fire at Russelheim, Germany, Sunday, caused a loss of two lives and a property damage of between \$1,000,000 and \$1,250,000.

One man was killed and another was seriously injured in a collision between a traction car and an automobile at Richmond, Ind., Sunday.

The House Monday, after concurring in the Senate amendments to the Underwood cotton tariff revision bill by a vote of 180 to 107, sent the measure to President Taft.

There were three deaths from cholera on the steamer Re d'Italia, which arrived Friday at New York from Naples and Palermo. Two passengers now in the hospital show symptoms of the disease.

Gov. Johnson, of California, has honored a resolution from the Governor of Indiana for the return to Indianapolis of the Los Angeles detective charged with the kidnaping of John J. McNamara.

In a collision between an Illinois Central passenger train and a buggy at Louisville, Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Brent Hays of 2230 West Maple street, was almost instantly killed, and Mr. Hays was perhaps fatally injured.

After a long debate on a motion to pass the wool tariff revision bill over President Taft's veto the House Friday failed to pass the bill by the necessary two-thirds vote, the result being 227 to 129. This kills the wool bill.

After a visit to Niagara Falls, Admiral Togo, of Japan, closed his official visit to the United States and went to Canada Sunday. He sent a telegram of thanks to Secretary Knox for the cordial reception accorded him.

The strike of British railway employees has spread to every part of the empire and Tuesday night it was estimated that 220,000 men had heeded the unions' call. Traffic in all sections is demoralized and in some places no trains are being moved. Troops are still maintaining order and no serious rioting has been reported. Later—the strike has been settled and business is about normal again.

J. W. HODGES HELD FOR FORGERY

Arrested Near Benson Yesterday And Carried to Harnett County Jail.

Benson, N. C., August 24.—J. W. Hodges, a young white man of this place, was arrested yesterday evening near here by Deputies Wheeler and Smith, charged with forging checks on W. R. Denning. The arrest was made on complaint from Dunn and Hodges was carried to Lillington and lodged in jail to await a hearing.

Hodges is charged with forging checks on W. R. Denning on one of the Dunn banks and also on the Farmers Commercial Bank of Benson. We learn that this is not the first time such a charge has been made against this young man.

Vast quantities of coal are handled on the great lakes of the Canadian border. In 1910 more than 13,000,000 tons passed through the Soo canal.

CONGRESS ADJOURNED TUESDAY

OVER FOURTEEN THOUSAND BILLS INTRODUCED.

Was In Session 121 Days. Speaker Clark and Vice-President Sherman Deliver Vaedictories.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The first session of the sixty-second congress ended to-day and immediately the exodus of members began.

President Taft joined with several hundred tired legislators in the hegira and to-night official Washington was comparatively deserted. Every out-going train bore senators and representatives on their homeward journey after being together 121 days, and setting the liveliest pace of any legislative session in years.

Both Vice-President Sherman and Speaker Clark delivered vaedictories, expressing appreciation, extending congratulations on good will shown in a strenuous session and bespeaking health and happiness during the recess. Then, officially at 3 o'clock, but actually two minutes later in each house, the extra session of congress was declared adjourned.

The session record of measures introduced in 14,083 bills and 484 resolutions in the house, and 3,296 bills and 58 resolutions in the senate. Only a few of these were passed. The senate adjourned without filling the office of president pro tem, to take the place of Vice President Sherman in temporary absence.

COTTON BELT WEATHER FAVORABLE IN SPOTS.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The continuation of frequent showers in the central portion of the cotton belt, with much cloudy weather, was generally unfavorable, but in the eastern portions local showers and sunshine prevailed and conditions were, as a rule, favorable, although more rain is needed in portions of Georgia and the Carolinas, says the national weekly weather bulletin issued to-day for the week ending yesterday.

West of the Mississippi the week continued unusually warm. Heavy rains occurred in portions of Arkansas and there were some local showers in northern and eastern Texas, but over the greater part of that State as well as the whole of Oklahoma there was practically no rain as during the preceding week, and the ground is again becoming dry.

COLORED CONVENTION HERE.

S. S. Convention of the A. M. E. Church Opened Yesterday At The St. Mark Church.

(By C. L. W. Smith.)

The Sunday School Convention of the Fayetteville District, N. C. Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church convened yesterday (Thursday) at the St. Mark Church and will continue its sessions through Sunday.

Promptly at the hour designated the delegates and pastors assembled and after devotional exercises proceeded to an organization with the following officers: President, Rev. A. Stroud, P. E.; Vice President, Rev. G. G. McGhee; Secretary, Mrs. T. A. Lassaine; Assistant Secretary, Miss Snow-Drop Bailey; Marshalls, Rev. J. R. Cox, and C. E. Bell.

The reports from the various Sunday schools composing the convention contain much interesting data concerning the growth, financial condition and religious development of the schools.

Some of the topics to be discussed are: Should public collection be lifted from the Sunday school or should it be lifted from the several classes? Should pastors be responsible for the workings of the Sunday school or should the Superintendent? Among the noted visitors to be present will be Prof. J. R. Hawkins, General Secretary of Education of the A. M. E. Church, who will deliver an Educational Address to-night. Also Rt. Rev. L. J. Coppin, Bishop of the Church, is expected to be present Sunday.

Busy At Bridge.

"Miss Gwendolyn, I should like to ask you to marry me."
"You are interrupting the bridge game now, Mr. Wibbles. Wait until I'm dummy."—Ex.

BANNER'S HUSTLING CAPITAL

BENSON HIGH SCHOOL TO OPEN NEXT THURSDAY.

A Good Roads Meeting Saturday.—A Surprise Marriage.—Local and Personal.

Benson, N. C., Aug. 24.—Miss Mattie Smith, of Meadow township, was here several days this week at the home of her brother, Mr. R. F. Smith.

Miss Louise Cox, of Dunn, is spending a few days at the home of Mr. W. D. Boon.

Dr. W. T. Martin was a visitor to Raleigh last Friday.

Mr. Red Farmer went to Smithfield Monday on business.

Mr. Claud Canada left Wednesday for Elevation township where he will visit his mother, Mrs. Lucy Johnson, for a few days.

Mr. Will Grimes, of Bentonsville township, was here for a short time Monday on business.

Mr. C. T. Johnson left Tuesday for New York and other Northern cities where he will be for several days buying goods.

Miss Anna Cavanaugh, of Wilmington, arrived Monday to visit Miss Lovie Denning and Mrs. C. T. Johnson.

Mr. E. J. D. Boykin, of Richmond, was here this week to see his father, Mr. Dan Boykin.

Messrs. Leahman Johnson and Rufus Smith were visitors to Smithfield Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Vass Barber, of Norfolk, Va., was here Sunday and Monday to see relatives.

Rev. T. H. Sutton preached an interesting sermon at the Methodist church here Sunday morning, but did not hold services Sunday night owing to a revival at Corinth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holder and Miss Mary Richardson, of Wendell, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boon, returned Saturday.

Mr. George F. Moore, who has accepted a position with Mr. E. L. Hall of Fayetteville, left for his new home this morning.

Miss Jewel Hall, of Fayetteville, is here at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Duncan, on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hodges returned this morning from Emporia, Va., where they have been on a visit to Mrs. Hodges' parents.

Miss Meta Holder left Tuesday night for Baltimore where she will be for several days buying the fall stock of millinery for Goldstein Co., of Dunn.

Messrs. E. D. Britt and Jas. E. Wilson, of Shady Grove, Sampson county, were here Monday to see Mr. M. T. Britt.

Mr. J. L. Hall returned Tuesday from Fayetteville where he has been on a visit to his brothers who live there.

Mrs. William Turlington and children and Miss Cleo Yelverton, of Fremont, came yesterday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Eli Turlington.

Miss Vada Stewart, of Coats, and her brother, Mr. Jarvis Stewart, of Pittsburg, Pa., were here for a few days recently with relatives.

Mrs. Arthur Pope, of Raleigh, who is remembered here as Miss Pearl Adams, of Greensboro, is spending some time at the home of Dr. F. T. Moore.

Miss Mary West, of Willard, was here for a short time Monday and will return later to assume her duties as one of the teachers at Wentworth in Meadow township.

Among those from Benson who attended the Falcon Camp Meeting Sunday we note Messrs. Wood Pope, Jake Greenthal, Henry Slocumb, W. T. Martin, Red Farmer, Henry Smith, Ros Smith and W. F. Smith and others.

Prof. Z. H. Rose, of Fremont, was here Sunday and will return to-day to be here till the school opens on Thursday, August 31st.

The first bale of new cotton sold on the Benson market was sold Tuesday by Mr. Archie Byrd, who lives a few miles west of town. The price was not learned. Several bales have been sold since that time.

Rev. Neal Rowland, of Texas, who has been conducting a revival at Pleasant Grove church, was here recently. He seems to have made many friends in Benson judging from the large numbers who went

out to hear him while the meeting was in progress.

Mr. Ralph Spence, of Kipling, Mrs. Lillian Rollins and Mrs. Hanfort, of Fort Pierce, Fla., Miss Mamie Burt, of Holly Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Rollins, of Merry Oaks, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Parish this week.

Mr. M. T. Britt has moved his family into the Beasley building on West Main Street. He has had the building remodeled and repaired, which adds very greatly to the appearance of Main Street.

Benson High School will open on Thursday, August 31st. There will be a meeting of the school children and the patrons of the school, together with the teachers, in the auditorium of the school building on Wednesday night, August 30, at 8:00. Short speeches will be made by citizens of the town and everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. Near three hundred pupils are expected to be present on the first day of the school.

Remember the day, the time and the place: Saturday, August 26th, at 10 o'clock A. M., Benson, N. C. Everybody who is interested in good roads is requested to be present at a meeting of the Benson Good Roads Association and hear a discussion of the road question and see what plans the association has for the upbuilding of our county and the building of good roads. Come and see what we offer you.

A marriage that was a surprise to their many friends culminated here Sunday afternoon when Miss Lettie Ryals became the bride of Mr. Walton Johnson, both the contracting parties being highly popular and residents of Benson. Very few of their close friends knew of the marriage till after the ceremony which took place at the home of Rev. N. H. Gibbs, where the couple had driven apparently on an afternoon drive. Miss Ryals is the daughter of Mrs. C. C. Ryals and is very highly esteemed while the groom is a member of the mercantile firm of Chas. Johnson & Brother, of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are stopping at present at the Boykin Hotel.

THREE ARE BEHIND BARS.

Face Charge of Murder in Connection With Coatesville Lynching.

Coatesville, Pa., Aug. 19.—Three men, alleged to have been members of the mob which last Sunday took Zach Walker from a hospital here and burned him to death, are behind the bars of the county jail at West Chester, charged with murder. They are Joseph Swartz, who came here recently and is a rigger for Worth Brothers, iron and steel manufacturers; Capt. E. C. Berry, a parachute jumper, and William H. Gilbert, a Philadelphia and Reading railroad fireman. The two latter were arrested yesterday and sent to jail in default of \$1,000 as "material witnesses." They were later released on bond, but late this afternoon after the district attorney had questioned Swartz for a long time, Berry and Gilbert were rearrested and held on the charge of murder in the first degree.

According to the district attorney Swartz admitted that he was one of the persons who had hold of the rope and helped to drag the negro to the field where he was burned. He also said, according to the court officials, that he helped to gather the hay with which the pyre was built.

All three of the men were taken into custody late this afternoon and rushed to West Chester, where they are held without bail. These are the first men to be held on a direct charge of murder.

There were many rumors that more arrests were to be made to-day, but the district attorney before leaving for his home in West Chester, said that no more men would be taken into custody before Monday. The names of several persons who are prominent in this borough have been mentioned in connection with the lynching, but District Attorney Gawthrop refused to state what he had learned from Swartz and would not discuss probable arrests.

A Cure.

Judge—"Why did you steal the gentleman's purse?"

Prisoner—"I thought the change would do me good."—Washington Star.

BENSON YOUNG LADY SUICIDES

MISS GERTIE HOLMES DRANK CARBOLIC ACID.

Daughter of John B. Holmes Kills Herself Because of Disappointment in a Love Affair.

Benson, N. C., Aug. 19.—Miss Gertie Holmes, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. John B. Holmes, of this place, committed suicide this afternoon by drinking one and one-half ounces of carbolic acid at her home in South Benson. It seems that she was to have married this month, but was jilted by her lover, who married another girl, a few days ago, and wishing to live no longer, she took her own life.

A few days ago, just after the marriage of her lover, she attempted to end her life, by drinking laudanum, but the dose was not sufficient, and she was revived by physicians, to whom together with several members of the family she admitted her attempt to take her own life, and told why she wished to die.

She was watched closely by her parents until to-day, when she bathed, dressed in the gowns in which she was to have married, put on her wedding ring, and other jewelry, the gift of her lover, drank the acid and was dead in less than half an hour. Dr. H. H. Utley was called at once, but she was beyond the reach of restoratives, when he arrived. Miss Holmes, till recently worked in the central office here and was thought well of. Her remains will be buried tomorrow afternoon in the Benson cemetery.

Grandfather of Forty-Three Dies.

Bedford, Ind., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Christopher Schmidt, one of the oldest men in the county, is dead at the home of his daughters at the age of 97. Four sons, one of whom is Erdman Schmidt, of New Albany; five daughters, forty-three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive. Three days ago he walked to the barber shop for a shave.

TEMPERATURE OF 105 RECORDED IN OKLAHOMA.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 20.—Oklahoma suffered from one of the most oppressive days of the summer to-day. The temperature here reached 105 at 4 o'clock. From noon until after 6 o'clock this evening the mercury remained above the century mark.

Big Trade of Little Switzerland.

Teeny weeny Switzerland, bunch of hills, mountains and snowy peaks, is a great big trader with the outside world. Think of it! Foreign commerce last year \$561,500,000! The Swiss sold nearly thirty-eight millions of embroideries and more than fifty-two millions of manufactured silks. They scattered around the world about thirteen million of their watches, cases, movements, etc., and scooped in for them more than \$28,000,000. Swiss cheese went out to the value of more than \$12,000,000, and that must have meant selling, perhaps, half a billion holes for good money.—New York Press.

Others Might Learn the Lesson.

It has been observed that there are no bees to be seen in town sucking watermelon rinds, whereas last year they were very much in evidence. An observant citizen attributes their disappearance to the fact that 1910 being an unusually good fruit year, the bees found it too easy to make a living, stayed drunk most of the time, neglected to lay by anything for winter, and so they froze out last winter.—Webster's Weekly.

A Bad Break.

"To-morrow will be Sunday," remarked the little boy.
"So you know when Sunday comes, do you?" inquired the minister.
"Yes sir."
"And how do you know?"
"We allus gets a case of beer the day before."—Ex.

For 2,000 years prior to our era irrigation was extensively practiced in Egypt for agricultural purposes.